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SUBJECT: ECONADS: AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 25-25 MEETING

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1. AFTER US REP. COMMENTED PER REF A, FRENCH REP (TAXIL)
SAID HIS AUTHORITIES HAD NO OBJECTION TO BILLY'S DRAFT AGENDA,
BUT FELT THAT FIRST TWO TICKS OF ITEM II (C) (REF B) WERE
OF PRIMARILY MILITARY-LOGISTICAL INTEREST AND THERE-
FORE NOT SIGNIFICANT TO THE ECONADS. HE AGREED WITH US VIEW
ON THIRD TICK. FRENCH REP, SLIGHTLY EMBARRASSED BECAUSE THIS
REFLECTED RIGIDITY IN FRENCH BUREAUCRACY, SAID HE FEARED
SGND EXPERTS WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DISCUSS ITEM II SINCE
FOREIGN ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE SECTION OF SGDN DID NOT DEAL WITH
"DOMESTIC" QUESTIONS.

2. GERMAN REP. (PLUISCH) SAID BND AGREES WITH DRAFT
AGENDA BUT SUGGESTED THAT EXPERTS ALSO DISCUSS ECONADS
77-78 WORK PROGRAM. BND FEELS THE FOLLOWING TOPICS SHOULD BE
INCLUDED: (EITHER BY REINFORCED MEETING OR IN
SPECIAL PAPERS): ENERGY AND RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY SITUATION
FOR NATO AND WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES, ECONOMIC INTEGRATION
IN CSMA, WESTERN CREDIT AND EASTERN INDEBTNESS, AND
DEVELOPMENTS IN E-W ECONOMIC COOPERATION. IN THE
ABSENCE OF SIGNIFICANT NEW DEVELOPMENTS THAT WOULD BRING
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CURRENT ESTIMATES INTO DOUBT, BND FELT REINFORCED
MEETING ON SOVIET DEFENSE EXPENDITURES SHOULD
TAKE PLACE ONLY EVERY TWO YEARS.

3. BILLY WILL ISSUE A REVISED DRAFT AGENDA TAKING
MEMBER COMMENTS INTO ACCOUNT. THIS WILL BE SUBJECT
TO CONFIRMATION WHEN REINFORCED MEETING CONVENES.
WE WILL TRANSMIT WHEN AVAILABLE IN A FEW DAYS.

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